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Letter of Appeal
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Office of the Secretary
445-12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket Nos: 96-45 and 97-21
Entity # 125674

To Whom It May Concern:

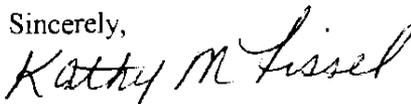
On March 31, 2003, I received three letters of denial for the Funding Year 2002-2003. Again I am writing to appeal your decision. Perhaps my original letter of appeal dated December 6, 2002 did not clearly explain why the post mark date was January 18, 2002.

I personally filed three 471 applications for the Carlisle Area School District electronically to the SLD late in the business day on January 17, 2002. Those application form ID's are 471 # 323991, 323730, and 296418. The local Post Office was closed when the electronic form was file and the signature pages were available to be printed, signed and mailed. It was impossible for *the* mailing envelope to be processed and date stamped January 17th because the post office had already closed for the day. I did mail the signature pages and supporting documentation Return Receipt through the United State Postal Service, the following day, January 18, 2002 when the Post Office re-opened for business.

If you feel there was some way to have the post office date stamp the envelopes Jan. 17th since their office had closed for the day, please let me know what I should have done differently at 5:00 p.m. in order to comply with your requirement. If any district filed the 471 electronically even at the last minute allowable, which is 11:59 p.m., how could they possibly send a paper signature page, return receipt date stamped that same day? The 471 was filed electronically in a timely manner. I believe the funding request should be approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Kathy M. Fissel
Business Manager

Cc: Robert C. Williams, Director of Finance